

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 85, line 13:

In diagnosis of COPD, we measured patients' vital capacity (VC (L)), % lung capacity (%VC), forced vital capacity (FVC (L)), % forced vital capacity (%FVC), forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV₁ (L)), % forced expiratory volume in 1 second (%FEV₁), one-second forced expiratory volume rate (%) (FEV₁/FVC (%)), total lung capacity (TLC (L)), % total lung capacity (%TLC), functional residual capacity (FRC (L)), % functional residual capacity (%FRC), residual capacity (RC (L)), % residual volume (%RV), residual ratio (RV/TLC (%)), Diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide (DLCO), % Diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide (%DLCO), alveolar ventilation (DLCO/VA), arterial blood oxygen partial pressure (PaO₂), arterial blood carbon dioxide partial pressure (PaCO₂), bicarbonate ion (HCO₃), and functional residual ratio (FRC/TLC (%)), and a patient showing FEV₁/FVC < 70% and %FEV₁ [□] ≥ 80% was diagnosed as a light case (stage I) COPD, a patient showing FEV₁/FVC < 70% and 50% < %FEV₁ < 80% was diagnosed as a moderate case (stage IIA) COPD, and a patient showing FEV₁/FVC < 70% and 30% < %FEV₁ < 50% was diagnosed as a moderate case (stage IIB) COPD.